Dear Bob, 1/14/00

Thanks for the SASE as well as for the delicious citrus. Little time and motion as the ASE save for me, because I aminto more than I can now keep up with,that as well as the thoughtfulness are much appreciated.

And I was a bad boy, departing from the restriction on oranges because of their high potasium content to share onex of the delicious navels with Lil. Tomorrow we start dividing it, she'll get the other navels and I'll get the grapefruit until I have to share them with her.

Some of what you sent me that you refer to sounds familiar but now I have no recollection of it. We are both getting to where your father is on memory, with me in particular on names. In time they come back, but not when - am speaking of them. Even some everydat medical words.

Medical: day before yesterday when I was at the dialysis center and they had just begun the treatment, the catheter leaked! So, I had to go to the hospital, where the surgeons were nice enough to squeezee me in and implant the second temporary watheter, without removing the one that was defective. I remain on an antibiotic to combat an infection of the permanent catheter and if a culture they won't even make until the 31st is clear then Ix I'll get another "permanent " catheter. Thus far I've had eight surgeries to make the dialysis possible by giving it access to the body. I presume that is not the norm, with another coming, at least nine in a year!

We began to take more notice, most of us, to the strange things such as those you refer to after the JFK assassination. I also wondered at the Foster death and more at the Flight 800 tragedy. All of these things raise questions about what the giverne ment is up to and they seemed not to be raised earlier. But with what time remains for me, I'll be working, as best I now can, on the assassinations.

But I fear that beginning with Hitler, people in governments who earlier would never have thought of some of the wrong (and worse) things they now do learned what they could expect to get away with. Well,,it really began before Hitler, with Stalin and then with Musso. But I suppose that before World War II there were some people in some of our agencies who were not always on the straight and narrow.

When any preident gets away with such wrongs, that is possible only because people in the agencies keep quite when they should not. Perhaps most of all is the responsibility that of the media because it is supposed to ask the right questions at the right time. But the more ffewer superwealthy own more of the media, the more the yearning for more superwealth has them wanting to stay on good terms with those of importance in the government. And the fewer are the voices that can be heard - should they want to be heard.

Again many thanks and our hopes for a good year for all of you, and for